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City's New Trash Bag Program Moves Ahead

Effective August 1st, trash bag stickers will no longer be sold at the City's two residential transfer stations, located at 125 Locust Street and 170 Glendale Road. Instead, residents can purchase official medium and large blue trash bags at 14 local stores (see sidebar for details). In addition, official mini-bags can be purchased through the Department of Public Works and the Mayor's office (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00).

For residents using the City's trash and recycling drop-off facilities, disposal costs will not change. Throwing away a small bag of household trash will still cost \$.50, a medium bag (kitchen size) will still cost \$1.00 and a large bag (barrel size) will still cost \$2.00. The bags are available in packages that cost \$10.00 each (20 small bags, 10 medium bags, or 5 large bags per package).

After September 1st 2011, household trash will have to be placed in the City's blue bags to be accepted for disposal. Residents should try to use up their bag stickers prior to this date. After September 1st, bag stickers will be accepted for bulky waste disposal at the Northampton landfill or redeemed for official trash bags at the Department of Public Works (DPW).

2011-2012 vehicle permits are now available from transfer station Attendants and at the DPW office. The cost will remain at \$25.00 for residents and \$5.00 for seniors (62 years or older).

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 413-587-1570 x 4306.